

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please amend the paragraph on page 11, lines 4-13 of the Substitute Specification filed September 23, 2008, as follows:**

In the present invention, when carbon nanofibers are separated, particularly, by a physical separation process, it is preferable that the fine particles are closely packed. A closely packed fine particle means a fine particle with high strength, which is not porous. More specifically, the void ratio of the fine ~~particles~~particle may be 10% or less, preferably 5% or less, further preferably in a range of 3 to 5% and more preferably in a range of 1 to 3%. This is because reduction in void ratio can prevent peeling-off in fine particles during separation of the carbon nanofibers, so that carbon nanofibers which do not include impurities can be obtained.